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April 29, 2013

Mr. Bob Ziegler
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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
600 Capitol Way North
Olympia, WA 98501-1091

Re: Beaver Related Maintenance on WDFW Lands

Dear Mr. Ziegler:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Determination of Nonsignificance regarding the proposal to conduct beaver related maintenance of drainage facilities (Proponent-Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife). The Department of Ecology has reviewed the documents and would like to submit the following comments:

Air Quality Program

The applicant must evaluate alternatives to burning natural vegetation after it has been cleared from the land. If the applicant plans to burn any vegetation after it has been cleared, please call Kary Peterson at (509) 329-3523 prior to burning. If it is determined that burning is allowed, an Ecology burn permit is required. In Urban Growth Areas (UGAs), burning vegetation after it's been cleared is not allowed. Burning construction or demolition materials is not allowed. All non-vegetative debris must be disposed in a non-thermal, legal manner.

You can find more information about outdoor burning, UGAs, burn permit applications, and more by visiting Ecology's Outdoor Burning website at:

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/outdoor_woodsmoke/residentialburn.htm or by calling Kary Peterson at (509) 329-3523.

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State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)

Ecology's comments are based upon the information submitted for review. As such, they do not constitute an exhaustive list of the various authorizations that must be obtained or legal requirements that must be fulfilled in order to carry out the proposed action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terri Costello", with a stylized, cursive script.

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